

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Endo-Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Endo-Roberts,
Korman, Rische, Shwarts, and Chairperson Miranda.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport and
Cultural Services Senior Supervisor Bell.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2010

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the March 15, 2010 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. LOMITA ANZA PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that Heide Ulbrich, ceramics instructor, spoke with architect Land Concern regarding the art element at the new park near Lomita Boulevard and Anza Avenue. They were able to determine that approximately 250 4 x 4 tiles are needed and will be placed on upright surfaces at each of the entrances. She stated that the exact date for the community workshop to make the tiles has not been set yet, but it will probably be on a Saturday in May 2010.

7B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE PROJECT

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that five firms responded to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Wilson Park Amphitheatre improvements and that three were interviewed. She advised that the selection panel overwhelmingly recommended Land Concern and that the Facilities Committee concurred with their recommendation. She stated that the purpose of the project is to create a more usable space for different groups and that a contract needs to go to City Council because Land Concern already has a contract with the City for the Lomita Anza Park project.

Commissioner Candiotti stated that the Committee liked Land Concern because they have experience designing outdoor amphitheatres and are already working with the City.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she liked their hands-on approach, their explanation of how they would put everything together, and that they took the pond, acoustics, and disabled access into account.

Responding to Commissioner Korman's inquiry, Cultural Services Manager Rappoport stated that the floor space would be smaller but that staff is exploring the possibility of expanding the concrete pad and other ways to make it easier for Torrance Symphony to hold concerts at the site.

MOTION: Commissioner Candiotti moved to concur with the Facilities Committee recommendation to select Land Concern for the Wilson Park Amphitheatre Improvements Project. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

7C. COMMUNITY ART GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport reported that grant applications are due by May 6, 2010. She stated that press releases were sent to the Daily Breeze and Easy Reader and that notices were sent to previous grantees and other local non-profit organizations.

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS COMMITTEE

Has not met.

8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Previously discussed.

8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that the Committee plans to meet in May 2010.

9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Cultural Services Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for March 2010 was included in agenda packets. She reported that the presentation of speaker/author Ray Bradbury on May 7, 2010 had to be cancelled.

Responding to Commissioner Endo-Roberts' inquiry, she stated that "Pirates of Penzance" has been chosen for Torrance Theatre Company's summer musical.

10. ORALS

10A. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed "Dreamgirls," a well-attended Otis alumni exhibition, and visits to several commercial galleries.

10B. Commissioner Candioly discussed his participation on the Beat the Odds scholarship selection committee, adding that he was impressed with the students on the committee.

10C. Commissioner Candioly stated that Trader Joes on Hawthorne Boulevard has painted scenes of Torrance on its walls.

10D. Commissioner Candioly stated that his family enjoyed touring a B17 bomber on April 17, 2010.

10E. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed the Ryan Taber exhibition at Torrance Art Museum and a visit to Watts Towers.

10F. Commissioner Korman distributed information about five performances of the South Bay Community Concert Association and announced a Torrance Symphony Annual FUNdraiser on May 22, 2010.

10G. Chairperson Miranda stated that he has been busy assisting Filipino-Americans with U.S. Census forms and that he enjoyed an event at Hope Witkowsky's home for Councilmember Numark.

10H. Cultural Services Manager Rappoport invited Commissioners to attend a field trip for Torrance Art Museum volunteers to the Museum of Latin American Art and Long Beach Museum on April 28, 2010.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:35 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Miranda so ordered.

Approved as Submitted May 17, 2010 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
